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- 25X1X 1. The 41 Air Technical Division (VTD) with headquarters in Skoplje, has three battalions, each comprising four to six companies with a strength of from 120 to 160 men in each company. The Division operates a number of mobile repair shops for airplane accidents, emergency landings, and similar mishaps. It is entrusted with all repair work connected with air units and vehicles attached to them, in the Skoplje area. Planes which have been severely damaged are shipped to Kraljevo or Zemun. Units of the 41 Air Technical Division (VTD) are housed at the old airport north of Skoplje in barracks and under tents. Small contingents of drivers, mechanics, tin-smiths, welders, automechanics, carpenters and blacksmiths are attached to the various battalions of the Division.
2. An Air Pursuit Division is likewise stationed at the Skoplje airport. It has three regiments, each regiment constituting 12 squadrons. The squadrons have 9 to 12 airmen and three pursuit planes each. Emergency airfields at Ovcje Polje east of Skoplje, one of which is located near the village of Susica, are used by the Pursuit Division. The various planes attached to it are YAK aircraft, Stormoviks, twin-motor UJA (sic) planes with a machine gun at the tail end, S-49 and QERO-2 (sic) aircraft. The latter two types are [REDACTED] 25X1A
- 25X1A The total number of aircraft stationed at Skoplje is reported to approximate three hundred and sixty planes.¹ Training schools for pursuit planes are located at Kraljevo and Rajlovac, near Sarajevo. Attached to the Pursuit Division is a ground force unit consisting of three battalions. Each battalion has three companies, and each company has a strength of from 80 to 100 men.
3. An Air Bomber Division is stationed at Mostar.
4. Large reserves of octane are located in the Sar Planina area, where there are reportedly 17 large underground deposits. The deposits are reached by rail, departing from the General Jankovic station west of Skoplje to Ljuboten, in the Sar Planina.
5. Two infantry regiments are stationed at Skoplje, and are listed as the 97 Infantry Regiment, and the 102 Infantry Regiment. An armored car unit with armored cars of German Italian and French manufacture, is stationed in Skoplje and is housed in the old infantry barracks near the French cemetery for the World War I Dead.

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1. Comment: According to the structure of the Air Division, the three regiments should have a total of 108 planes if each squadron constitute three and not nine planes. It is very likely, however, that reserve planes are located at the Skoplje airport, which are not included in the organizational structure.

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